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VIA COURIER

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Dear Ruk:

**New U.S. Pat. Appln. for
"METATARSAL GUARD"
Our File: LEH-33**

I hope that the New Year finds you in good health and that all is going well.

The company has decided to file a patent application for your metatarsal guard design and I would appreciate your executing the enclosed "Declaration and Power of Attorney" and "Assignment", in the following manner:

1. Please review the application attached to the "Declaration and Power of Attorney". If you find the application to be in order, please sign and date the "Declaration and Power of Attorney". Copies of U.S. Pat. No. 4,231,170 and U.S. Pat. No. 5,457,898, referred to in the application are enclosed for your information.

2. Please review the enclosed "Assignment" and insert the date on which the "Declaration and Power of Attorney" was executed on the first page of the "Assignment", and sign and date the "Assignment" before a Notary Public.

Please return the "Declaration and Power of Attorney" and "Assignment" in the enclosed

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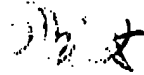
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Fed Ex envelope. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards.

Yours truly,

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**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor, I declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled as set forth below, which is described in the attached specification; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims; that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America; and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56(a);

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Title of Invention: METATARSAL GUARD

I hereby appoint Milton Wolson, Esq., Reg. No. 22,620, of Malina & Wolson, 60 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10165, telephone (212) 986-7410, facsimile (212) 983-8421, my attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please send correspondence with respect to this application to Milton Wolson, Esq. at the above address.

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